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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
SIGINT Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Acting Director, Intelligence Community Staff

SUBJECT: COMINT Sanitization Authority for Commander,
Joint Special Operations Command (COMJSOC) [redacted]

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REFERENCE: DIA TSCW-73390/DC-7C, 5 January 1982, Same
Subject (attached)

1. Action Requested: Approval of the attached reference DIA request to authorize the Commander, JSOC to act as a Proper Authority for sanitizing Category III and below COMINT. [redacted]

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2. Background: The present Communication Intelligence Security Regulations (CISR) do not make provision for appointing a commander at the level of COMJSOC as a Proper Authority (PA) for sanitizing CATEGORY III and below COMINT. However, the update of the CISR, the Signals Intelligence Security Regulations (SISR), Volume I, include a specific provision which will allow the Director, DIA to designate commanders of special joint task forces to act in this capacity. DIA is requesting a waiver to the CISR which will permit COMJSOC to act as a PA, pending final approval of the SISR, Volume I. [redacted]

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3. Discussion: It is the SIGINT Committee's consensus that COMJSOC will operate as the commander of a special joint task force. Therefore, the DIA request for waiver of the CISR restriction is consistent with the letter and intent of the SISR, Volume I. Your approval will supply interim authority until coordination of the Volume I is completed [redacted]

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[redacted] This is expected within the next month. [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, SIGINT COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: COMINT Sanitization Authority for Commander, Joint Special Operations Command (COMJSOC) [redacted] 25X1

Reference: DCI Communications Intelligence Security Regulation (CISR), November 1973.

1. [redacted] Request a waiver of Section I, paragraph 15. of reference to enable the Director, DIA, to authorize COMJSOC to act as a Proper Authority for Category III and below COMINT. 25X1

2. (U) Justification for granting a waiver follows:

a. [redacted] JSOC, Fort Bragg, NC, was established as a quick reaction counterterrorist joint task force by the Joint Chiefs of Staff as a result of Presidential interest and direction. The JSOC mission requires quick reaction and potential deployment to any location in the world. Ready availability and wide dissemination of intelligence, at collateral levels of classification, to the JSOC planning staff is required to support JSOC contingency planning, movement planning, resource allocation and rapid deployment. The ability of COMJSOC to quickly sanitize COMINT and disseminate all-source intelligence to support planning and operations could literally save lives. Sanitized COMINT information would be used in briefings, contingency packets and updates of operational planning as a situation unfolds. 25X1

b. [redacted] Additionally, COMJSOC meets the "Commander of Special Joint Task Force" criterion cited for a Proper Authority for Category III COMINT in the new CISR Part I. 25X1

3. [redacted] Designation of COMJSOC as a Proper Authority does not imply an automatic invocation of the "emergency use" provisions of the CISR. Should it be necessary for COMJSOC to invoke the emergency use provisions, the Director, DIA, will report such actions to the NFIB in accordance with Section II, Paragraph 33. of the CISR. 25X1

4. [redacted] The SIGINT Committee is requested to approve the waiver of Section I, Paragraph 15. of the 1973 CISR to authorize COMJSOC to act as a Proper Authority for Category III and below COMINT. 25X1

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